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SUBJ: IMCO: MARITIME SATELLITE CONFERENCE:

SITREP 1

1. CONFERENCE OPENED BY IMCO SYG SRIVASTAVA ON APRIL 23. FOLLOWING BRIEF OPENING REMARKS BY IMCO SYG, UK PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRY MACKENZIE AND ITU SYG MILI, AGENDA CONTAINED MARSAT/CONF/1 ADOPTED WITHOUT COMMENT.

2. RULES OF PROCEDURE ADOPTED WERE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THOSE PROPOSED IN CONF/2. CANADIAN PROPOSAL TO INSERT PROVISION PERMITTING SECRET BALLOT (IDENTICAL TO LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN ITU CONVENTION), AND SUPPORTED BY UK AND US, WAS

OPPOSED BY USSR, BULGARIA, NETHERLANDS AND POLAND AS ALIEN TO IMCO PRACTICE. CANADIANS THEN WITHDREW PROPOSAL.

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3. CONFERENCE ELECTED R. BILLINGTON, UK, AS

PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE; THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION TO BILLINGTON, WHO HAD SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF PANEL OF EXPERTS. FOLLOWING DELEGATIONS WERE SELECTED AS VICE CHAIRMEN, ALL WITHOUT OPPOSITION: (A) USSR, (B) US, (C) PERU, (D) INDIA AND (E) LIBERIA. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT AND APPROVED WITHOUT OPPOSITION COMPOSED AS FOLLOWS: (A) ARGENTINA, (B) DENMARK, (C) INDONESIA, (D) LIBERIA, AND (E) POLAND.

4. WORK OF CONFERENCE CONTAINED CONF/6, GENERALLY ACCEPTED WITH SEVERAL MODIFICATIONS INITIALLY DISCUSSED IN HEADS OF DELEGATIONS MEETING. IT AGREED THAT, AT LEAST INITIALLY, CONFERENCE WOULD

WORK IN PLENARY AND WOULD NOT ESTABLISH WORKING COMMITTEES UNTIL A NEED FOR THEM WAS PERCEIVED. AN EDITORIAL COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED WITH NARROW MANDATE TO CONFINE ITS ACTIVITIES TO EDITING TEXTS DRAFTED ELSEWHERE AND NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SUBSTANCE OF DECISIONS. STEERING COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED, COMPOSED OF PRESIDENT, 5 VICE PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF EDITORIAL COMMITTEE. CHAIRMEN OF OTHER COMMITTEES WILL BE ADDED IF AND WHEN SUCH COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED.

5. USSR OPENING STATEMENT, NOTING PARTICULARLY TASK OF SAFEGUARDING LIFE AT SEA, AFFIRMED NEED TO SET UP WITHIN SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE AND WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL STATES AN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE SYSTEM. STATEMENT ALSO CITED SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS AS INCREASING ECONOMIC RETURN TO SHIPPERS FROM MORE EFFICIENT USE OF SHIPS; SOVIETS SAID AN INTERNATIONAL, INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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ORGANIZATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO OPERATE SYSTEM, AND
POE DRAFT CONSTITUTES ACCEPTABLE BASIS ON WHICH TO
BASE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

6. JAPAN, IN OPENING STATEMENT, SAID IT FAVORED
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE SYSTEM, PROVIDED
THAT (1) IT WOULD PROVIDE GLOBAL, I.E.,
THREE OCEAN, COVERAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;
(2) TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITIES DESIGNATED BY
GOVERNMENTS COULD ASSUME FINANCIAL AND OPERATING
RESPONSIBILITIES AS INDEPENDENT ENTITIES AND NOT
AGENCY RELATIONSHIP; AND (3) SYSTEM WOULD BE
FINANCIALLY SELF-SUSTAINING. IN LIGHT OF POSITION
ON DESIGNATED ENTITY, SAID AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND AN OPERATING AGREEMENT WERE NECESSARY. ALSO
SUPPORTED CONSIDERATION INTELSAT AND OTHER
ALTERNATIVES AS MEANS FOR PROVIDING SERVICE.

7. MILI URGED RECOGNITION BY DELEGATES OF
OPERATIONAL BURDEN THAT INTRODUCTION MARITIME
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SATELLITE SYSTEM WILL HAVE ON TELECOMMUNICATION
ADMINISTRATIONS. HE SPOKE PARTICULARLY OF INTEGRATION
WITH TERRESTRIAL NETWORK, TARIFF FACTORS,
APPLICABILITY OF MARITIME RADIO REGULATIONS, AND
OF NEED FOR SYSTEM TO BE AVAILABLE FOR UTILIZATION
IN PORTS AND TERRITORIAL WATERS.

8. TO DATE 38 DELEGATIONS HAVE REGISTERED WITH
SECRETARIAT PLUS 2 OBSERVERS (URUGUAY AND SIERRA
LEONE). PRC NOT IN ATTENDANCE; CUBA IS (AND WE
INTEND INCLUDE IN INVITATIONS TO HEADS OF ALL

DELEGATIONS TO U.S. RECEPTION APRIL 25 UNLESS
INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE).

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